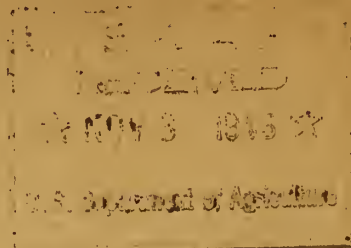


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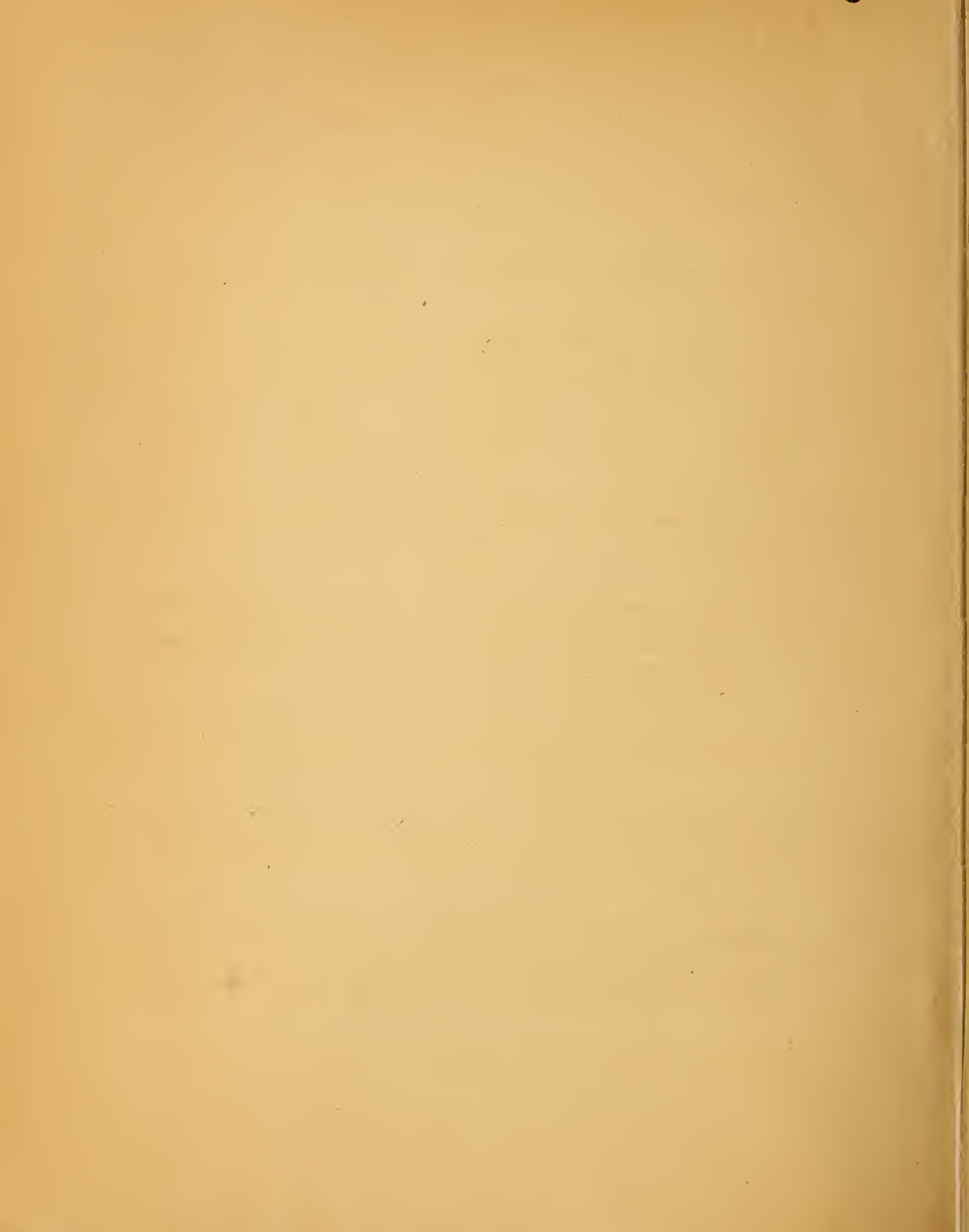
TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF JULY PARTICIPATION IN AMA DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distribution:	School Lunch
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	Program Participation	Program Participation
West	319,526	\$ 979,351.50	30,587	34,291
Midwest	755,246	2,286,848.50	468,940	52,075
Northeast	674,890	2,364,274.50	509,691	104,251
South	847,797	2,035,797.50	1,161,182	74,693
Caribbean	4,486	8,447.50	53,581	46,076
Totals	2,601,945	\$7,674,719.50	2,223,981	311,386

SUMMARY

In July, 4.8 million persons in family groups including 63,000 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii participated in AMA food programs; .5 million children participated in the School Lunch and Summer-Camp Programs. Food distributed: 145.5 million pounds valued at 11.5 million dollars.

1. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 2.6 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 14.1 million dollars; blue stamps, 7.7 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.95. Food purchased with blue stamps, 106.2 million pounds.
2. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 2.2 million persons in family groups; .4 million persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 36.4 million pounds valued at 3.5 million dollars.
3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 311,000 children in 4,000 schools. Foods distributed: 2.9 million pounds valued at .3 million dollars. Participation in children's camps and recreational projects, 216,000 children in 1,800 projects. Food distributed: 2.5 million pounds.
4. SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM. Estimated number of participants: 120,000 children in 126 areas.



The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1,445 counties and 88 city areas in July, including 5 counties opened during the month. 78 million persons, 59.5 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 3,969,000 eligible persons, 2,602,000 or 66 per cent participated. This was a decline of 252,000 persons from the June total.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$7,675,000 in blue stamp issuance, \$458,000 less than in June, the West received 13 per cent; the Midwest, 30 per cent; the Northeast, 31 per cent; and the South, 26 per cent.

The decline in participation and blue stamp issuance for July marks the fourth consecutive month of the present downward trend, and is attributed to the usual seasonal factors, augmented by the war and the progress of recertifications by many states. The decline in blue stamp issuance was greatest in the South, \$149,000; in the Midwest it was \$137,500; in the Northeast, \$91,000; and in the West, \$81,000.

The average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$2.95, 10 cents more than in June. Orange stamp issuance in July: 14 million dollars, \$5.43 per capita, a \$1,108,000 decline from June. "Free blue" issuance: \$10,450 to 8,800 persons, \$1.19 per capita, a decline of \$14,000 and 13,700 persons from June.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. July purchases: 106.2 million pounds valued at 7.7 million dollars. The percentage of blue stamp money spent for commodities reflected certain seasonal changes from June to July, with more money spent for fruits and vegetables, less for butter, eggs and cereals. The percentage of money spent for butter, 17.2 per cent, eggs 20.2 per cent, cereals decreased from 20.2 to 17.0 per cent, vegetables increased from 26.8 to 31.3 per cent, and fruits increased from 12.7 to 14.3 per cent.

Blue stamp money expended during the month decreased 5.6 per cent from June, total quantity of food purchased increased 1.5 per cent. The increase in total food purchased, which is in contrast with the decrease in total expenditures, is attributed to the increases in percentage of purchases of fruits and vegetables.

BLUE STAMPS ISSUED TO EDUCATIONAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Issuance of blue stamps to Educational and Demonstration Projects was reported by only two regions in July, and totaled \$1,617.50. In the West, July issuance was \$142.00; in the South, \$1,475.00.

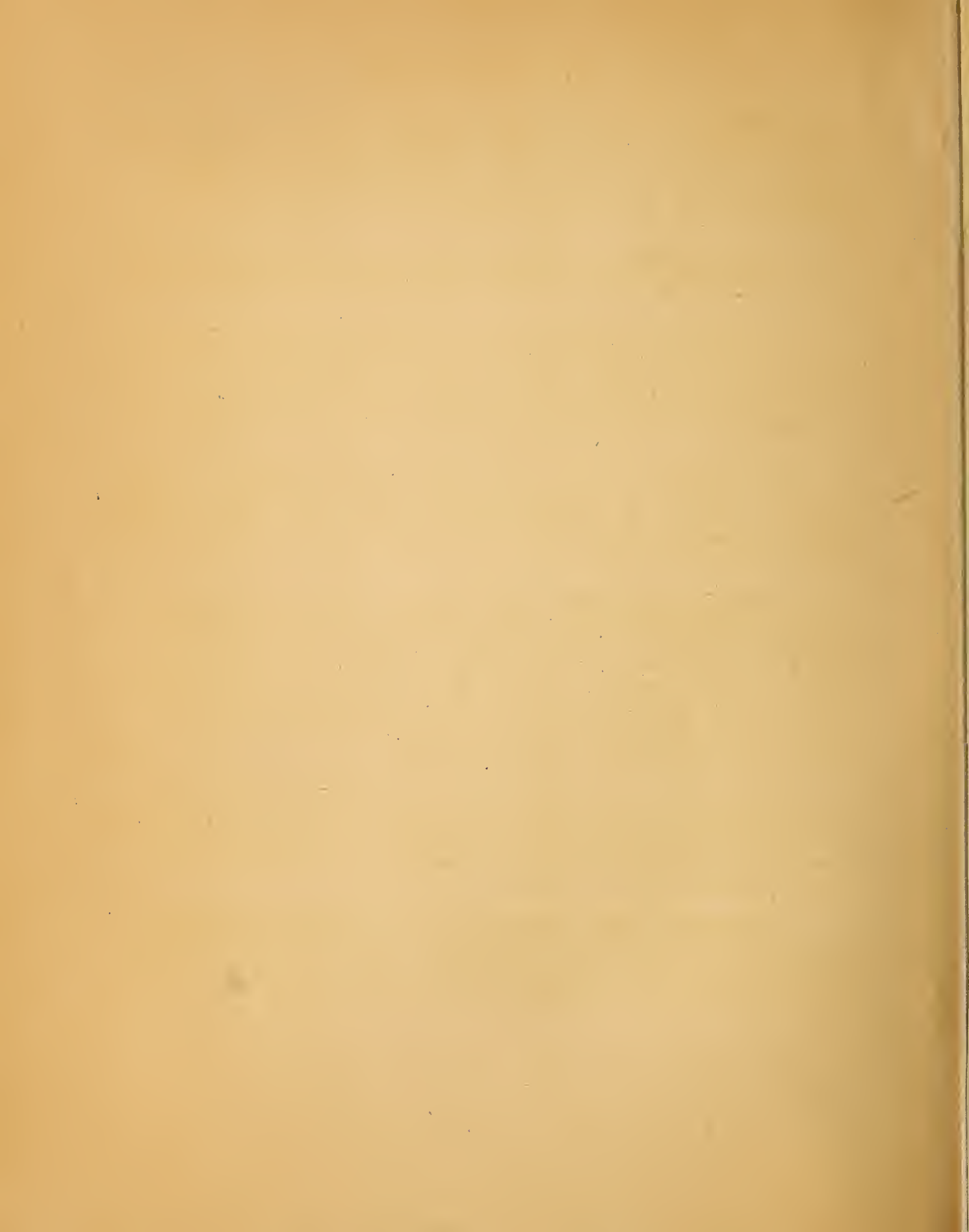


TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, JULY 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Per Cent of Participating	This Month	Cumulative This Fiscal Year	Average Per Person
	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL	3,969,279	2,601,945	66	\$7,674,719.50	\$7,674,719.50	\$2.95
WESTERN REGION	619,438	319,526	52	979,351.50	979,351.50	3.06
Arizona	34,200	21,165	62	57,489.00	57,489.00	2.72
California	164,347	91,125	55	307,925.00	307,925.00	3.38
Colorado	64,428	33,131	51	94,405.00	94,405.00	2.85
Idaho	43,776	17,262	39	44,550.50	44,550.50	2.58
Montana	39,881	22,056	55	59,534.00	59,534.00	2.70
Nevada	3,521	1,369	39	4,391.50	4,391.50	3.21
New Mexico	76,710	28,645	37	60,047.00	60,047.00	2.10
Oregon	43,333	23,154	54	74,401.00	74,401.00	3.21
Utah	38,130	19,942	52	58,636.00	58,636.00	2.94
Washington	101,607	56,206	55	203,639.00	203,639.00	3.62
Wyoming	9,225	5,391	58	14,333.50	14,333.50	2.66
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,138,522	755,246	66	2,286,848.50	2,286,848.50	3.03
Illinois	132,488	107,011	81	400,750.00	400,750.00	3.74
Indiana	24,511	14,008	57	41,257.00	41,257.00	2.95
Iowa	89,217	63,829	72	170,872.00	170,872.00	2.68
Kansas	95,728	56,233	58	157,157.50	157,157.50	2.79
Michigan	175,370	103,878	59	325,346.00	325,346.00	3.13
Minnesota	171,029	115,100	67	344,200.00	344,200.00	2.99
Missouri	98,608	59,004	59	158,908.00	158,908.00	2.69
Nebraska	49,454	41,026	83	113,005.50	113,005.50	2.75
North Dakota	36,280	27,702	76	67,358.50	67,358.50	2.43
Ohio	150,932	100,472	67	305,596.00	305,596.00	3.04
South Dakota	43,466	25,229	58	66,347.50	66,347.50	2.63
Wisconsin	65,454	36,938	56	122,300.50	122,300.50	3.31
Kentucky (2 counties)	5,985	4,616	80	13,750.00	13,750.00	2.86
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,084,747	674,890	62	2,364,274.50	2,364,274.50	3.50
Connecticut	8,314	6,412	77	22,550.50	22,550.50	3.52
Delaware	3,512	1,936	55	5,622.00	5,622.00	2.90
Maine	56,706	36,182	64	85,370.00	85,370.00	2.36
Maryland	25,920	6,559	25	20,270.50	20,270.50	3.09
Massachusetts	131,280	73,811	56	258,446.50	258,446.50	3.50
New Hampshire	14,299	10,722	75	36,433.00	36,433.00	3.40
New Jersey	39,427	27,865	71	102,686.50	102,686.50	3.68
New York	544,660	403,947	74	1,503,034.00	1,503,034.00	3.72
Pennsylvania	294,694	92,423	39	281,620.00	281,620.00	3.05
Rhode Island	23,623	13,021	55	42,587.00	42,587.00	3.27
Vermont	3,104	2,012	65	5,654.50	5,654.50	2.81
SOUTHERN REGION	1,119,219	847,797	76	2,035,797.50	2,035,797.50	2.40
Alabama	33,577	24,590	73	53,048.00	53,048.00	2.16
Arkansas	100,725	68,935	68	175,983.50	175,983.50	2.55
Florida	81,523	57,717	71	161,361.50	161,361.50	2.80
Georgia	50,193	35,362	70	85,878.00	85,878.00	2.43
Kentucky	35,263	25,132	71	62,915.00	62,915.00	2.50
Louisiana	97,278	79,989	82	171,213.50	171,213.50	2.14
Mississippi	95,296	77,626	82	145,552.50	145,552.50	1.88
North Carolina	57,503	45,551	79	99,445.00	99,445.00	2.18
Oklahoma	130,399	107,858	83	259,265.00	259,265.00	2.40
South Carolina	18,910	14,570	77	31,955.00	31,955.00	2.19
Tennessee	61,026	48,810	80	122,034.50	122,034.50	2.50
Texas	345,060	251,580	73	642,220.00	642,220.00	2.55
Virginia	12,296	10,077	82	24,926.00	24,926.00	2.47
VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,353	4,466	61	8,447.50	8,447.50	1.88

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE, AND QUANTITY OF EACH
COMMODITY PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS - CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
AND EACH REGION /1, JULY 1942

(Value and Quantity in Thousands)

Commodity	Unit	V A L U E					Q U A N T I T Y				
		U. S.	Percent of:				U. S.	Region			
			Total Value	South	West	Midwest		West	Midwest	Northeast	South
Butter	Lb.	1,315	17.15	234	138	412	461	424	1,013	1,119	555
Eggs /2	Doz.	1,552	20.24	227	208	413	634	559	1,194	1,585	854
White Flour	Lb.	1,025	13.37	499	119	262	145	2,827	6,068	2,852	11,448
Graham Flour	Lb.	28	.37	3	1	5	19	16	99	263	51
Corn Meal	Lb.	190	2.48	110	10	41	29	192	1,029	569	3,336
Hominy Grits	Lb.	56	.73	21	2	14	19	27	243	404	463
Total Cereals	Lb.	1,299	16.95	633	132	322	212	3,064	7,439	4,088	15,296
Dry Beans	Lb.	379	4.95	157	25	76	121	292	840	1,232	2,038
Irish Potatoes	Lb.	583	7.60	156	90	193	144	2,345	5,851	4,097	4,427
Tomatoes	Lb.	332	4.33	78	40	130	84	553	1,694	990	1,444
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	77	1.00	33	1	22	21	16	396	321	742
Carrots	Lb.	115	1.50	19	16	45	35	421	902	581	364
Lettuce	Lb.	171	2.23	35	26	59	51	411	746	638	499
Cabbage	Lb.	164	2.14	50	12	56	46	449	1,833	1,276	1,425
Other Fr. Vegetables	Lb.	578	7.54	126	93	153	206	1,757	2,346	3,988	2,362
Total Vegetables	Lb.	2,399	31.29	654	303	734	706	6,254	14,608	13,123	13,301
Oranges /2	Doz.	548	7.14	93	71	204	180	443	793	586	401
Apples	Lb.	151	1.97	36	23	59	33	391	1,011	935	813
Peaches	Lb.	279	3.64	72	38	94	75	576	1,390	1,311	1,253
Plums	Lb.	124	1.62	18	16	49	41	270	418	557	211
Total Fruits	Lb.	1,102	14.37	219	148	406	329	3,319	6,546	5,557	4,162
Total	Lb.	7,667	100.00	2,937	979	2,287	2,364	13,900	31,397	26,264	34,597

/1 Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.

/2 Converted to pounds in totals.

Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. Blue Stamp purchase data for the Virgin Islands not included in this table.



Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 2.2 million persons in family groups including 53,600 persons in Puerto Rico and Hawaii; 53.6 per cent of the participants in the continental United States were in the South; only 1.2 per cent in the West. Participation in July 1941: 5.6 million persons. Also participating this month: 344,000 persons in 600 institutions and organizations; 77,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, NYA resident training camps and others.

A sharp decline in participation was reported by Puerto Rico, changing from 473,126 participants in June to 53,581 participants in July. A corresponding decline in volume of food distributed may be at least partially attributed to limitation of shipping facilities.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 32.5 million pounds to families, 4 million pounds to special groups. Estimated retail value for family and all special groups: 3.5 million dollars. Foods distributed to approximately 50 per cent of the caseload in June (the latest month for which detailed data are available) include evaporated milk, cereals and flour, oranges, prunes, dry beans, sweet potatoes and onions.

School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 311,000 children in 4,400 schools, approximately 1 per cent of school enrollment in the United States. In July of last year 291,000 children in 4,100 schools participated.

In addition to summer feeding activities under the School Lunch Program, 216,000 children in 1,800 children's camps and recreational projects also participated, 12 per cent less than July of last year. A total quantity of 2.5 million pounds of food was distributed to camp projects.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 2.9 million pounds of foodstuffs with an estimated retail value of .3 million dollars were distributed to School Lunch Programs. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children in June were evaporated milk, cereals or flour and oranges. Items issued to about one-third of the participants included butter, eggs, grapefruit juice, prunes, canned pork and beans, and canned tomatoes.

School Milk Program

With the close of the school year, operation of the School Milk Program was continued only in 4 areas: New York, Washington, Boston and Manchester, but contracts were signed with 122 sponsors for camp and playground milk programs for the month of July. It is estimated that approximately 120,000 children received milk under the program during the month.



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TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
BY STATE, JULY 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Food Only			Number of
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	Children
			Number	% of Total				Served by School Lunch
TOTAL	4,825,926	2,223,981	2,601,945	49.6	1,045,405	647,650	397,755	311,386
WESTERN REGION	350,113	30,587	319,526	91.3	4,415	4,415	-	34,291
Arizona	26,159	4,994	21,165	80.9	-	-	-	4,145
California	93,495	2,370	91,125	97.5	-	-	-	20,226
Colorado	48,494	15,363	33,131	68.3	4,075	4,075	-	2,547
Idaho	17,777	515	17,262	97.1	-	-	-	485
Montana	23,154	1,098	22,056	95.2	-	-	-	922
Nevada	2,324	955	1,369	58.9	-	-	-	109
New Mexico	28,946	301	28,645	99.0	-	-	-	1,569
Oregon	23,154	-	23,154	100.0	-	-	-	1,435
Utah	19,942	-	19,942	100.0	-	-	-	440
Washington	56,286	-	56,286	100.0	-	-	-	2,027
Wyoming	5,391	-	5,391	100.0	-	-	-	271
Hawaii	4,991	4,991	-	-	340	340	-	115
MID-EASTERN REGION	1,219,370	468,940	750,430	61.5	48,701	32,276	16,425	52,075
Illinois	236,571	129,560	107,011	45.2	4,007	3,703	304	10,312
Indiana	87,120	73,112	14,008	16.1	502	502	-	3,296
Iowa	86,412	22,583	63,829	73.9	6,340	6,138	202	1,691
Kansas	65,323	9,090	56,233	86.1	1,510	78	1,432	1,289
Michigan	144,878	41,000	103,878	72.0	2,055	1,768	287	11,806
Minnesota	115,100	-	115,100	100.0	8,536	-	8,536	1,840
Missouri	117,415	58,411	59,004	50.2	1,024	254	770	9,399
Nebraska	41,548	522	41,026	98.7	660	552	108	280
North Dakota	29,053	1,351	27,702	95.3	920	14	906	1,434
Ohio	186,530	86,058	100,472	53.9	12,504	11,588	916	8,381
South Dakota	31,029	5,800	25,229	81.3	172	-	172	1,421
Wisconsin	78,391	41,453	36,938	47.1	10,471	7,679	2,792	926
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,184,581	509,691	674,890	57.0	120,141	55,919	64,222	104,251
Connecticut	17,163	10,751	6,412	37.4	2,803	1,808	995	4,151
Delaware	3,504	1,568	1,936	55.2	-	-	-	293
Dist. of Col.	14,856	16,856	-	-	2,344	2,344	-	5,852
Maine	36,182	-	36,182	100.0	19,836	-	19,836	2,420
Maryland	8,742	2,183	6,559	75.0	-	-	-	719
Massachusetts	187,172	113,361	73,811	39.4	46,116	34,341	11,775	20,820
New Hampshire	10,722	-	10,722	100.0	2,558	-	2,558	60
New Jersey	79,359	51,494	27,865	35.1	1,090	1,090	-	9,857
New York	482,542	78,595/1	403,947	83.7	29,548	1,578/1	27,970	37,496/4
Pennsylvania	178,960	86,537	92,423	51.6	-	-	-	12,508
Rhode Island	15,857	2,836	13,021	82.1	63	63	-	1,410
Vermont	19,826	17,814	2,012	10.1	11,863	10,775	1,088	1,592
West Virginia	127,696	127,696	-	-	3,920	3,920	-	7,073
SOUTHERN REGION	2,013,795	1,161,182	852,613/2	42.3	816,362	501,459	314,903/2	74,693
Alabama	87,790	63,200	24,590	28.0	20,876	15,763	5,113	979
Arkansas	116,178	47,243	68,935	59.3	47,872	14,366	33,506	13,287
Florida	204,474	146,757	57,717	28.2	129,400	98,981	30,419	8,669
Georgia	170,663	135,301	35,362	20.7	75,866	65,482	10,384	14,941
Kentucky	224,485	194,537	29,948/2	13.3	128,671	121,024	7,647/2	4,702
Louisiana	114,087	34,098	79,989	70.1	4,573	950	3,623	2,919
Mississippi	99,840	22,214	77,626	77.8	58,934	10,114	48,820	1,320
North Carolina	147,550	101,999	45,551	30.9	63,136	42,015	21,121	3,183
Oklahoma	107,858	-	107,858	100.0	4,313	-	4,313	7,087
South Carolina	85,438	70,868	14,570	17.0	4,799	3,820	979	7,192
Tennessee	169,113	120,303	48,810	28.9	30,825	23,338	7,487	2,288
Texas	428,476	176,896	251,580	58.7	233,983	93,411	140,572	6,738
Virginia	57,843	47,766	10,077	17.4	13,114	12,195	919	1,388
Puerto Rico /3	53,581	53,581	-	-	53,581	53,581	-	44,440
Virgin Islands/3	4,486	-	4,486/1	100.0	2,205	-	2,205/1	1,636

/1 June figures. July figures not available. /2 Includes 2 counties in Region II.

/3 Not included in Region IV totals. /4 Estimated.

